

# Romaine Quinn

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## **Preserving Local Control in Tax Assessments**

MADISON – Representative Romaine Quinn (R-Rice Lake) praised the decision by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) today to remove a proposed budget item that would have changed the way in which property tax assessments were conducted in Wisconsin. The budget item would have given power to counties to conduct these tax assessments; under current law, each locality is in control of its own assessments.

“I have heard from many of my constituents on this issue, and they have all told me that this change in control was not in the best interest of their local communities. Our communities best know their own conditions, and are best equipped to be responsive and engaged with the properties they review. Having dealt with this issue as Mayor of Rice Lake, I would not have appreciated the State of Wisconsin telling me how to best govern my community. Today’s decision by the JFC is a win for local control in our state,” said Rep. Quinn.

“I was proud to be able to act as a voice for the 75<sup>th</sup> Assembly District on this issue, and will continue to work with my colleagues in the legislature to ensure a budget that protects the priorities of rural Wisconsin, and that keeps Madison politicians from determining how we conduct our business in the northwoods.”

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